

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : Saturday, February 26, 2005 at 6.30 p.m.

Place : Canon Foster Memorial Hall, S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa

Present : Main Office Bearers:

Mr. E. G. J. Canagasabey Headmaster and President

Mr. P. S. Duleep Kumar Senior Vice President

Mr. Shervon Fernando Hony. Secretary

Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera Hony. Treasurer

Attendance of members was recorded and the number of Old Boys in attendance was 84, in excess of the required quorum of 30 members.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The President Mr. E. G. J. Canagasabey took the chair and called the Meeting to order

2. Notice of Meeting

Notice convening the Meeting was tabled and taken as read

3. Welcome Address by the President

The President said he was glad to welcome the Old Boys of the OBA in attendance at the Meeting and said that compared to the previous year, the attendance appeared twice as much.

4. Messages of Excuses

The Secretary tabled the following messages of excuse

Messrs. Upali Panditharatne, Gamini Fernando, Colin Rathnayake, Edman Seneviratne, Mahen Ranasinghe, Bandu Kodituwattku and Sisira Nanayakkara.

5. Obituaries

The Secretary announced the following names of old Boys and Staff who had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting

Messrs. W. Dambawinna, D Kasthuriarachchi, J. W. Marasinghe, Nissanka G. Dabare, N. Asoka Perera, Shoab A. Cader, Sam Wimalasekera, A. W. R. Tennekoon.

6. Correspondence

No correspondence was recorded.

7. Adoption of the Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting

The minutes have been circulated to the Members in due time as provided by the Rules and were taken as read and duly adopted, proposed by Mr. Sunil Watawala and seconded by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters to be discussed.

9. Annual Report of the Hony. Secretary

The Secretary stated that the Report had been sent to members in due time and the formal reading of the Report was waived and taken as read. He wished to make the following amendments to the report after the paragraph of viii – Newsletter. It should read as “Dinner Dance 2003, the debtors of Rs. 3,000.00” should read as “debtors of Rs. 43,000.00.”

The Report was formally adopted, proposed by Brig. B. Munasinghe and seconded by Mr. Hermon Fernando.

10. Treasurer’s Report and tabling of Annual Accounts for the period ending December 31 2004 and adoption thereof.

The Accounts had been circulated and the Treasurer made the following noteworthy observations.

He thanked the donors who generously and responded to appeals, foremost being :

Mr.Lear Iddamalagoda from UK – Rs.66077.- in two contributions, Mr. Vijitha Fernando – Rs.50,000.- and, Mr.C.T.A.Schaafter – Rs.25,000.- for the Hayman-Foster Museum and of this, Rs.122,510.62 was capitalized as it was for fixed inventory. Without their support, the setting up of the museum would have been delayed by years.

Mr.Lal Edirisinghe and Mr. Sunil Watawala for donations of Rs.25,000.- each and Mr.M.Vazeer Rs.10,000.- for college development and also others who chipped in with smaller contributions, but as there were many such, the total value was equally enormous.

The Report was the duly adopted, proposed by Mr. N. D. U.Kuru Utumpala and seconded by Mr. A. A. R. Mawahib.

11. Election of Office Bearers to the Executive Committee

The following were proposed and seconded and declared elected :

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Sen. Vice President	Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera	Mr. P. S. Duleep Kumar	Brig. B. Munasinghe
Vice President	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	P. S. Duleep Kumar	Mr. G. S. S. Perera
	Mr. D. U. Kuru Utumpala	Mr. Hermon Fernando	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi
	Mr. K. Bandusena	Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera	Mr. Sunil Watawala
Hony. Secreary	Mr. Shervon Fernando	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. Lasantha Perera
Hony. Treasurer	Brig. B. Munasinghe	Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera	Mr. K. Bandusena
Hony. Asst. Secreary	Mr. Ajith Jayathilake	Mr. Shervon Fernando	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake
Hony. Treasurer	Mr. Gamini Fernando	Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka	Mr. Sunil Watawala
General Committee	Mr. Thusitha Nanayakkara	Mr. P. S. Duleep Kumar	Mr. Kumara
	Mr. Leo Sebastian	Mr. Rasika Fernando	Mr. Thusitha Nanayakkara
	Mr. Rizvi Jalill	Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka	Mr. Lasantha Perera
	Mr. G. S. S. Perera	Mr. Lasantha Perera	Mr. Shervon Fernando
	Mr. Chandana de Silva	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi
	Mr. A. A. R. Mawahib	Mr. Thusitha Nanayakkara	Mr. Leo Sebastian
	Mr. S. Rajmohan	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. K. Vimalaraj
	Mr. Sunil Watawala	Mr. P. S. Duleep Kumar	Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka
	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka	Mr. Hermon Fernando
	Mr. Hermon Fernando	Brig. B. Munasinghe	Mr. D. U. Kuru Utumpala

12. Election of Auditors

The Treasurer recommended the re-election of SJMS Associates, which was agreed to without division.

13. Headmaster’s Report

A written Report was distributed to Members. He mainly thanked Old Boys and the Committee for contributions to the College. The Headmaster mentioned that he assumed duties in October 2004 in his short period he has enjoyed every minute of his stewardship especially the challenges encountered by him and was working towards the common goal of ‘Education par excellence’.

The financial status of the college is very unstable and it is very difficult to meet the day to day expenses. At present there were only 322 students and the loss per month is about Rs. 300,000.00 and the overdraft of Rs. 3,000,000.00 at Seylan Bank is almost fully utilized and hence very difficult to meet the expenses for running the College.

Staff salary per month Rs. 950,000.00, Prep duty allowance Rs. 18,000.00 and there are arrears of Rs. 4.5 million in student fees accumulated over the years and only Rs.300.000.00 was recovered by using the threat of sending the boys out of College.

But he assured the Old Boys that as long as he is the Headmaster, he will put in his maximum effort to discharge his responsibilities and solicited the help of Old Boys in general and the OBA in particular.

14. Any Other Business

No matters were raised

15. Announcements

There were no announcements

16. Vote of Thanks

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera thanked the Headmaster for chairing the Meeting and thanked the Headmaster and all the staff for welcoming the Old Boys and support and co-operation given to make the AGM and our Re-Union celebrations successful.

On behalf of the OBA, he assured the continued and full support of the OBA to the Headmaster.

17. College Song

Every one present then sang the college song

18. Adjournment

The Meeting was declared adjourned at 8.35 p.m.

Confirmed as correct

Chairman.